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# Panther Sports News

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## PANTHERS VS. LIONS

THE GAME: Eastern Illinois University (10-2) vs. North Alabama (10-1) at Braly Memorial Stadium, Florence, AL, 11:25 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 6.

THE OCCASION: This is a semifinal game in the NCAA Division II Football Championship Playoffs.

TOURNAMENT TO-DATE: Eastern ranked No. 1 in Division II and winner of nine straight, advanced to the semifinals by defeating No. 8 ranked Northern Colorado, 21-14, last Saturday. North Alabama, ranked No. 3, downed No. 5 Virginia Union, 17-8.

In other tourney games, No. 4 Cal Poly/SLO, now 9-2, defeated No. 6 Jacksonville State, 15-0. No. 7 Santa Clara, also 9-2, beat Northern Michigan, 27-26.

Santa Clara will now play at Cal Poly Saturday. The winner of these two semifinals will play for the championship in the Zia Bowl at the University of New Mexico's 30,000 seat stadium in Albuquerque on Saturday, Dec. 13.

THE SERIES: This is the first meeting between these two universities.

THE COACHES: Eastern's Darrell Mudra, in his third year at EIU, is 29-8. He also is tied with Jim Malosky of Minn-Duluth for most victories among active Division II coaches. In his 19th year, Mudra has an overall mark of 139-58-2. Today he will coach his 200th collegiate game.

UNA's Wayne Grubb, in his fourth season, is 28-14-1. He previously was the head coach at Samford University. His overall coaching record is 54-34-4.

TEAM RECORDS:	EIU	Opponent	UNA	Opponent
	34	21 SOUTH DAKOTA	36	3 MIDDLE TENNESSEE
	35	37 at Southern Illinois	20	3 at Livingston *
	0	14 at Indiana State	25	13 TUSKEGEE
	41	7 NORTHEAST MISSOURI	45	7 at Delta State *
	31	14 ILLINOIS STATE	28	32 ALABAMA A & M
	40	15 at Central State (OH)	28	3 at Central Florida
	37	7 at Western Illinois *	31	22 TROY STATE *
	32	7 YOUNGSTOWN STATE *	26	17 TENN-MARTIN *
	35	28 at Northern Michigan *	28	22 at Mississippi College *
	14	9 NORTHERN IOWA *	13	8 at Jacksonville State *
	52	13 AUGUSTANA (SD)	17	8 VIRGINIA UNION **
	21	14 NORTHERN COLORADO **		

\* 1st-Mid-Continent Conference

\*\* NCAA II Quarterfinal

\* 1st-Gulf South Conference

\*\* NCAA II Quarterfinal

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LION FACTS: The Lions are champions of the Gulf South Conference with a 10-1 overall mark and 6-0 in league play . . . they reached the NCAA II tournament for the first time by downing two ranked conference teams, Troy State and Jacksonville State in the season's finale . . . tailback Lawson Fletcher is the main cog in their ground oriented option attack . . . Fletcher rushed for nearly 800 yards, five yards per carry . . . in the most recent NCAA II stats, UNA was fifth in rushing with a 250 per game average which has dropped a bit since this was prior to the Jacksonville State game . . . the Lions were also among the top scoring teams with nearly 30 points a game . . . Fletcher is the leading scorer with 11 TDs . . . Jerry Hill is the leading pass receiver with 24 catches for 381 yards . . . the team averages just 111 yards passing . . . overall, UNA lost 16 starters from last year's team . . . defensively, this team has four new backs, three linebackers and two defensive tackles . . . Fletcher gained nearly 1000 yards as a soph last season . . . the most experienced parts of UNA's game are its kickers, punter Guy Cox and placekicker Nelson McMurrain . . . Cox averages over 40 yards per punt while McMurrain is the second leading scorer with 26 of 28 PATs and 13 of 21 field goals.

ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Eastern dominated the MCC All-Conference First Team with 10 members. They are:

Pete Catan (Penfield, NY)	Defensive End
Randy Melvin (Aurora-West)	Defensive Tackle
Alonzo Lee (Washington, DC-Dunbar)	Middle Linebacker
Ira Jefferson (Momence)	Weakside Linebacker
Rich Brown (Akron, OH-Buchtel)	Right Cornerback
Kevin Gray (Chicago-Hyde Park)	Free Safety
Clinton Davenport (Washington, DC-Woodson)	Offensive Tackle
Scott McGhee (Palos Heights-Sandburg)	Flanker
Blair Brown (Dayton, OH-Fairview)	Offensive Guard
Don Manzke (Normal-University)	Punter

Catan was chosen the 'Defensive Lineman of the Year'  
Gray was chosen the 'Defensive Back of the Year'

EIU FACTS: The Panthers, 10-2, have won nine straight . . . it's their second longest winning streak in school history . . . the last loss was 14-0 at Indiana State on September 20 . . . the longest streak was 13 games during the 1978-79 seasons . . . the Panthers are the healthiest they have been all season . . . defensive end Mike Cox, who broke a leg in mid-year, is expected to be ready this weekend . . . defensively the Panthers have started the same lineup for the past four weeks . . . however offensively the same lineup has been together for only three consecutive games and that was in mid-season . . . Rocky Becker (Carlyle-Mater Dei) and George Tuzil (Schaumburg) are expected to share the center position again . . . Scott Gilleland (Barrington) who was out with a broken arm has returned to lend depth at center and backup the guards.

DARRELL MUDRA SAYS: "North Alabama has had a great year . . . Coach Grubb has come in and in a short time turned this team into a real power in Division II . . . they are very balanced on offense . . . good receivers and a great tailback in that Fletcher . . . he's a burner . . . they prefer an option attack, running out of the I . . . their quarterback, Riley, seems to be throwing the ball better which I think is why they were able to beat a couple strong conference teams like Troy and Jacksonville.

"We're as healthy as we have ever been for this game . . . Mike Cox should be able to go to help on the defensive line . . . we think our offense can get in gear on an excellent field . . . our players have really come together of late . . . much more spirited group these past few weeks . . . they really care about each other, so we enter this game with a very good feeling about our situation."

PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS

<u>Eastern Illinois</u>	<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>North Alabama</u>
90 Otis Grant (6-2, 175, Sr.)	SE	82 Jerry Hill (6-1, 180, Sr.)
64 Carl Dobrich (6-6, 260, Sr.)	LT	60 Jeff Patterson (6-1, 219, Jr.)
79 Steve Parker (6-4, 255, Sr.)	LG	67 Herbie Jones (6-2, 231, Jr.)
55 Rocky Becker (6-3, 210, Sr.)	C	51 Don Smith (6-2, 234, Fr.)
62 Blair Brown (6-1, 235, Sr.)	RG	66 Hamp Moore (6-2, 224, Jr.)
70 Clinton Davenport (6-4, 245, Sr.)	RT	78 Mike Thorn (6-3, 242, Jr.)
81 Rob Mehalic (6-2, 215, Jr.)	TE	81 Mike Gilley (6-2, 205, Fr.)
14 Chuck Wright (6-1, 205, Sr.)	QB	3 Fred Riley (6-0, 181, Jr.)
8 Kevin Staple (5-8, 170, Fr.)	HB	44 Lawson Fletcher (5-10, 180, Jr.)
45 Rod Slaughter (6-1, 210, Sr.)	FB	28 Tony Franklin (6-0, 190, So.)
25 Scott McGhee (5-10, 170, Sr.)	FL	18 Melvin Brown (6-1, 195, So.)
<u>DEFENSE</u>		
86 Keith Wojnowski (6-3, 230, So.)	LE	80 Ronnie Lewey (6-0, 216, Jr.)
73 Randy Melvin (5-11, 250, Sr.)	LT	74 Paul Smith (6-2, 250, Sr.)
66 Charlie Krutsinger (6-4, 260, Sr.)	RT	85 Steve Carter (6-2, 220, Sr.)
83 Pete Catan (6-3, 250, Sr.)	RE	29 Lonzie McCants (6-0, 197, So.)
46 Ira Jefferson (5-9, 225, Jr.)	OLB	59 Frank Condon (6-0, 200, So.)
51 Alonzo Lee (5-11, 225, Sr.)	MLB	54 Bo Bo Lowe (6-2, 215, So.)
57 Tom Murray (6-2, 220, Jr.)	OLB	55 Ron Harris (6-1, 203, So.)
44 Rich Brown (5-11, 175, Sr.)	LCB	41 Ollie McGee (5-10, 170, Jr.)
20 Wilbert James (6-1, 175, Jr.)	RCB	11 Rod Brooks (6-1, 180, Fr.)
12 Don Pittman (5-11, 190, Sr.)	SS	39 Tommy Horn (6-0, 188, Jr.)
10 Kevin Gray (6-1, 180, Jr.)	FS	1 Emmanuel Young (5-10, 165, Jr.)
<u>SPECIALISTS</u>		
26 Don Manzke (6-2, 200, So.)	P	12 Guy Cox (5-10, 170, Sr.)
24 Ray DeLong (6-0, 205, So.)	PK	5 Nelson McMurrain (6-1, 195, Jr.)
10 Kevin Gray (6-1, 180, Jr.)	KR	1 Emmanuel Young (5-10, 165, Jr.)
8 Kevin Staple (5-8, 170, Fr.)		82 Jerry Hill (6-1, 180, Sr.)
25 Scott McGhee (5-10, 170, Sr.)		

# **EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY ELEVEN-GAME FOOTBALL STATISTICS (9-2)**

<u>Rushing</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>ATT</u>	<u>GAIN</u>	<u>LOST</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>P/GAME</u>	<u>P/CARRY</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>
Rod Slaughter	11	99	367	30	337	30.6	3.4	3	21(SD)
Laurent Baker	9	66	173	14	159	17.7	2.4	7	16(SIU)
Tyrone Davis	9	55	217	9	208	23.1	3.8	2	26(CSU)
Chuck Wright	11	21	41	78	-37	-	-	1	14(SD)
Kevin Staple	11	138	630	54	576	52.4	4.2	1	30(NMU)
Keith McFadden	5	30	130	16	114	22.8	3.8	1	24(CSU)
Jeff Christensen	11	40	82	108	-26	-	-	-	12(YSU)
Darryon White	3	13	55	14	41	13.7	3.1	1	32(AC)
Ricky Davis	5	7	51	0	51	10.2	7.3	-	17(AC)
Scott McGhee	11	2	0	6	-6	-	-	-	-
Doug Harris	1	1	2	0	2	2.0	2.0	-	2(SD)
EIU TOTALS	11	472	1748	329	1419	129.0	3.0	16	32(AC)
OPPONENTS	11	492	1797	572	1225	111.4	2.5	12	60(ISU)

<u>Passing</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CPL</u>	<u>ATT</u>	<u>INT</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>P/GAME</u>	<u>P/CPL</u>	<u>P/ATT</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>
Chuck Wright	11	91	196	14	1337	.464	121.5	14.7	6.8	14	58(UNI)
Jeff Christensen	11	94	194	10	1340	.484	121.8	14.2	6.9	13	61(YSU, NMU)
Rod Slaughter	11	-	1	-	-	.000	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-
Dirk Androff	2	1	5	1	42	.200	21.0	42.0	8.4	1	42(AC)
EIU TOTALS	11	186	396	25	2719	.470	247.2	14.6	6.9	28	61(YSU, NMU)
OPPONENTS	11	140	338	31	1480	.414	134.5	10.6	4.4	10	54(AC)

<u>Pass Receiving</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>P/CATCH</u>	<u>P/GAME</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>TEAM TOTALS</u>	<u>EIU</u>	<u>OPP</u>
Scott McGhee	44	763	17.3	69.4	16	53(NMU)	FIRST DOWNS	202	157
Otis Grant	32	651	20.3	59.2	4	61(YSU)	by Rushing	75	69
Laurent Baker	11	92	8.4	10.2	-	19(SD)	by Passing	116	68
Rob Mehalic	36	579	16.1	52.6	5	61(NMU)	by Penalty	11	20
Scott Weber	10	137	13.7	13.7	1	22(ISU)	TOTAL OFFENSE	4138	2705
Rod Slaughter	27	264	9.8	24.0	1	33(ISU)	Per Game	376.2	245.9
Ricky Davis	3	33	11.0	6.6	-	20(ISU)	Total Plays	868	830
Kevin Staple	5	34	6.8	3.1	-	15(NMU)	Yds. p/play	4.8	3.2
Mike Magee	4	42	10.5	8.4	-	15(CSU)	Penalties	87	56
Darryon White	1	0	0.0	0.0	-	-	Penalty Yds.	885	477
Keith McFadden	1	6	6.0	1.2	-	6(YSU)	Fumbles/Lost	41/18	40/21
Mike Murray	2	21	10.5	7.0	-	11(AC)			
Tyrone Davis	9	102	11.3	11.3	1	42(AC)			
Doug Harris	1	-5	-	-	-	-			
EIU TOTALS	186	2719	14.6	247.2	28	61(YSU, NMU)			
OPPONENTS	140	1480	10.6	134.5	10	54(AC)			

<u>Punting</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>SCORE BY QUARTERS</u>
Don Manzke	65	2641	40.6	78(UNI)	
Jeff Christensen	7	276	39.4	52(UNI)	
EIU TOTALS	72	2917	40.5	78(UNI)	EIU 68 116 67 100-351 (31.9)
OPPONENTS	95	3402	35.8	78(SD)	OPP 77 23 22 50-172 (15.6)

<u>Returns</u>	<u>KO</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>PT</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>
Kevin Staple	20	446	22.3	1	80(SIU)	-	-	-	-	-
Rod Slaughter	1	25	25.0	-	25(WIU)	-	-	-	-	-
Tyrone Davis	1	15	15.0	-	15(AC)	-	-	-	-	-
Doug Harris	1	4	4.0	-	4(SD)	-	-	-	-	-
Rick Shipbaugh	1	0	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Darryon White	1	28	28.0	-	28(AC)	-	-	-	-	-
Charles Person	-	-	-	-	-	7	49	7.0	-	20(AC)
Ricky Davis	1	8	8.0	-	8(ISU)	-	-	-	-	-
Laurent Baker	1	9	9.0	-	9(NMU)	-	-	-	-	-
Chris Merenowicz	1	0	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kevin Gray	-	-	-	-	-	17	39	2.3	-	15(WIU)
Mike Schell	2	0	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott McGhee	-	-	-	-	-	16	91	5.7	-	22(SIU)
EIU TOTALS	30	535	17.8	1	80(SIU)	40	179	4.5	-	22(SIU)
OPPONENTS	45	718	15.9	-	39(ISU)	28	166	5.9	-	31(SD)